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# Truck's link to slain Mountie shocks couple

**Const. David Wynn.**  
‘We couldn’t believe it,’  
Grande Prairie woman  
says after suffering  
stress-induced heart  
attack from the news

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When police told Donna Campbell they’d found her stolen truck, the news was simply overwhelming.

“Are you sitting down?” Campbell said the officer asked her twice.

In the ensuing conversation, the Grande Prairie woman learned St. Albert RCMP Const. David Wynn had identified her truck at the Apex Casino parking lot moments before he was shot by Shawn Maxwell Rehn.

Wynn died several days later in hospital.

“I just got shivers. I said, ‘Oh, you’re kidding,’” Campbell remembered.

Upon hanging up the phone, she started having chest pains and asked her husband to take her to the



Donna and Gerald Campbell said they were shocked to hear from Edmonton police that their truck, stolen in October 2014, was the vehicle Const. David Wynn had been investigating before he was shot. THE CANADIAN PRESS

hospital.

“It turned out I had a heart attack,” Campbell

told Metro.

Doctors informed her it was stress-induced.

While Campbell is slowly recovering, she said the entire situation is so sad, especially for the wife and three sons of 42-year-old Wynn.

“The poor family,” she

said. “This man shouldn’t have been out on the streets by the sound of things. It’s pretty sad, everything that has happened.”

Campbell and her husband first reported the truck stolen from a south Edmonton hotel parking lot in October, when the couple had driven to the city to do some early Christmas shopping.

“We couldn’t believe it,” said Campbell, later learning three F350s had been stolen the same week in the city and were often targeted by car thieves.

After the stipulated 20-day insurance period, the couple was able to file their insurance claim and assumed the truck was long gone.

“We didn’t think we’d ever see it again,” she said. “Usually when they’re stolen, they’re gone and that’s it.”

Police informed Campbell that the truck had been full of stolen property, including a printer, a camera, tools and different purchases from Costco.

Despite a request from Metro, RCMP weren’t able to confirm the details by press time.

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## LGBTQ rights

**City council throws support behind GSAs**

Edmonton councillors added their own voices to those calling on the provincial government to support GSAs Tuesday.

The city's youth council took up the issue in December and wanted to write a letter to the province raising their concerns with Bill 10, but needed the OK from city council to do so.

Councillors gave the youth more than they asked for, and agreed to add their endorsement to the youth council's stance.

Coun. Amarjeet Sohi said he supported GSAs, because they create safe spaces for students.

"To me this is just a fundamental issue of creating safe work places where all students have dignity and respect," he said.

Mayor Don Iveson said the city knows that LGBTQ youth are at higher risk to end up homeless and suffer other tragic outcomes, which becomes the city's responsibility, so he has no problem weighing in on the province's turf.

"This is a way we can prevent youth at risk today from falling into difficult circumstances," he said.

Claire Edwards, chairwoman of the Edmonton Youth Council, said it means a lot to have council's support.

"I'm really proud to be an Edmontonian today," she said, adding she understands there could be some ruffled feathers as the city weighs into a provincial issue, but the issue is too important to ignore.

"If this is a hill that we die on I think it's worth it," she said. **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**



Coun. Amarjeet Sohi METRO FILE



The city has an independent compensation committee that sets the rate for council pay increases. METRO FILE

# Council salaries to climb nearly 4%

**City Hall.** Rise in Alberta wages leads to rise for mayor, councillors in 2015



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Edmonton councillors will see their salaries climb nearly four per cent this year because of higher wages across Alberta.

The mayor's salary will climb 3.81 per cent to \$176,145 and councillors will bring home \$99,994. Because their salary is one-third tax free, the mayor's equivalent fully-taxed salary is

more like \$213,272 and councillors make the equivalent of \$118,824.

Mayor Don Iveson defended the raise and said it's fair for what council members contribute.

"Compared to private sector wages, you would be paying for people who put in the hours that council puts in, I think the public gets a pretty good deal," he said.

The salaries are set by an independent committee, which has tied raises to the Alberta Weekly Earnings values, a measure collected by Statistics Canada.

Iveson said the city's system is fair and transparent and he sees no reason to change it.

"That's the only way to do this. To politicize our compensation or to put it directly in our hands that would reduce public confidence," he said.

He also defended the tax-free portion, arguing taxing the full amount would only send more money to other levels of government.

"For us to make it taxable would just ship a few thousands dollars in taxes to Ottawa," he said.

Coun. Michael Oshry agreed said with the economy likely slowing, next year's wage growth will also slow down, and next year's increase will be less. He said the important thing is the city keep the process independent.

## Adding it up

The mayor also gets a \$1,158-per-month vehicle allowance and councillors get an allowance of \$578 per month, which is also one-third tax free.

- They also get parking at City Hall, which has been valued at \$3,600 per year and free transit passes should they choose to accept them.

"As long as it's independent, I'm not concerned if it's a three per cent increase or a one per cent decrease," he said.

## New modular classrooms approved for Edmonton

More than a dozen new school spaces have been approved for Edmonton students, as Alberta Education unveils 167 new modular classrooms across the province.

Slated to open September 2015, Edmonton's Catholic School district will receive seven new modulars and \$4.2 million to build an additional

10 modulars. Edmonton's public district has been approved for two new modulars.

Board chairwoman Debbie Engel said the district is grateful for the new school space.

The district hasn't released the names of schools that will be receiving the modulars, but Engel said the need is great across the city.

"The growth has been just unbelievable across the whole Edmonton area. These portables are scattered across the whole city because every area has shown so much growth," said Engel.

While it's unclear what next year's enrolment figures will look like, considering the drop in oil prices and potentially slower economy, Engel said the district is preparing for change in the landscape.

David Heyman, press secretary for Alberta Education Minister Gordon Dirks, said education remains a top priority for the government.

"Enrolment is surging throughout Alberta and schools need places for stu-

dents to learn," he said.

The latest announcement comes after 69 modular classrooms were announced in 2014 across the province, with 10 promised for ECS and 10 for EPSB.

Calgary's Catholic District also received funds to build their own modular classrooms. **LEAH HOLODAY/METRO**

# Police, business leaders warn of 'near misses' on Whyte Ave.

**Traffic.** Police worry inattention will lead to serious collisions

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"Near misses" between pedestrians and vehicles on Whyte Avenue have police and members of the business community warning the public to be more attentive.

"Walking the beat every day, I see lots of pedestrians or vehicles not paying attention. Let's work together as pedestrians and drivers on Whyte Ave and other parts of the city to be careful," said Const. Matthew Li with the Edmonton Police Whyte Avenue beat team.

He added that afternoon is when the most "mistakes are happening" and that people "aren't taking the time to look."

The message comes after a serious incident involving a 12-year old boy who was struck while crossing eastbound on Whyte Avenue at 104 Street on Jan. 22. The boy is still in hospital.

In 2014, there was one fatal crash on Whyte Avenue from 83 Avenue to 114 Street involving a pedestrian, with 12 major injury collisions reported. The number has stayed the same since 2013, but has dropped compared to 16 collisions in 2012.

The city's plan for Car Free Whyte Avenue, which could block some of the vehicle traffic on portions of Whyte Avenue, could potentially decrease the number of

collisions. The proposed project is still being evaluated internally at this time due to the funding announcement for late night transit from city council, according to a city spokesperson.

Murray Davison, executive director with the Old Strathcona Business Association, has seen inattentive pedestrians and drivers in an area where there's a lot of motion.

"We're really distressed with the near misses" said Davison.

"We're a vibrant community, we have a lot of pedestrians in the area ... and it's time we all start looking out for one another,"

**Quoted**

**"We're going to keep working with the city to look at various ways we can slow down traffic."**

Murray Davison, executive director with the Old Strathcona Business Association



Police say there are too many close calls between pedestrians and vehicles using Whyte Avenue. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

## Blakeman eyes interim Alberta Liberal leader job



Alberta Liberal Laurie Blakeman THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta Liberal Laurie Blakeman says she is open to becoming interim party leader, and if she gets the job, she wants to work to unite the centre-left to fight the Jim Prentice Tory juggernaut.

"I'm trying to figure out if I could offer the Liberal and perhaps other progressive voters a viable option for the coming election," Blakeman said Tuesday in an interview.

"I'd have to be taking a plan to the (Liberal party)

board and having them approve it or get behind it.

"I'm just trying to figure out if I can do that right now."

The Liberal party board meets Sunday in Calgary to decide how to fill the leadership void left after leader Raj Sherman stepped down Monday.

The timing is critical.

Premier Jim Prentice has not ruled out calling an early election this spring despite a law mandating it be

held in 2016.

The Tories are fast-tracking candidate nominations for an election call expected in mid to late-March.

The Liberals have only two MLAs in their five-member caucus running again — Blakeman and David Swann in Calgary.

Darshan Kang and Kent Hehr are running federally while Sherman won't run again.

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**Wildrose**

The Wildrose party also doesn't have a permanent leader.

- Heather Forsyth took over the interim job after Wildrose leader Danielle Smith shepherded a massive nine-member floor crossing to Premier Prentice's Tories in December.



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## Walterdale. Steel delays won't affect project: City

While the structure's steel is now set to arrive months behind schedule, the city remains confident the new Walterdale Bridge will open on time.

The steel arches are on a boat steaming across the Pacific from a fabrication plant in South Korea and should arrive in Edmonton in late February.

Project manager Allan Bartman said the steel was initially supposed to be here at the end of last summer. He said they're still confident the bridge will open this fall, but concedes it won't be easy.

"It's going to be a very aggressive schedule to get the bridge open," he said.

Bartman said the arches were all built and assembled in



The new Walterdale will be wider, with more lanes and space for pedestrians. **CONTRIBUTED**

South Korea and then disassembled for the trip here, which he says should smooth any problems here.

"That does take more time at the plant and overseas, but what that should do is remove risk," he said. **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**

### Recreation

#### Prepare for online campsite bookings

The province said Tuesday that online pre-booking of group campsites would return starting Feb. 8 at

[Reserve.AlbertaParks.ca](http://Reserve.AlbertaParks.ca).

Regular camping reservations will begin online the following week and comfort camping bookings will launch the week after.

The online booking site provides access to almost 14,000 campsites. **METRO**

# Head start for financial savvy



Garneau School principal Ann Parker said a new entrepreneurial pilot project coming to Edmonton schools will help Grade 3 and 4 students get a sense for business while helping a good cause. **LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO**

### Public schools.

Pilot project brings social entrepreneurship into classrooms



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Youngsters at a dozen Edmonton schools will be putting their business acumen to the test thanks to a pilot project linking business mentors with budding entrepreneurs.

The entrepreneurial adventure program is being launched in 12 of the city's public schools to teach business skills to Grade 3 and 4 classes, while raising money for local charities.

Edmonton Public School Board research and innovation director Jennifer Allen said the project is meant to teach skills that pupils can use later in life.

"Their main goal isn't about big business, it's about choosing something that's important to them that they can contribute to, like a not-for-profit organization," she explained.

Brander Gardens, Brightview, Garneau, Greenfield, Hillview, Jackson Heights, McLeod, Minchau, Northmount, Norwood, Rundle and Rutherford schools will participate in the pilot this year; more schools may join next year.

The project, now in its 20th year across the country, has raised \$2.6 million for charities to date.

Colin Lechelt of BMO Bank of Montreal, said the bank was interested in partnering with the project to help instil a sense of entrepreneurship in future business leaders.

"If we can support it young, we have an opportunity to carry it forward and build good financially savvy individuals up into adulthood," Lechelt said. "Earlier is always better when it comes to anything, I think."

Garneau principal Ann Parker said the project gives students a real-world experience so early in their education.

"This learning partnership will really enable us to bring authentic learning opportunities into the classroom for students, to make that link between the real world and classroom learning," she said.

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# Council to consider Rossdale canal idea

**Proposal.** Mayor Don Iveson said there are a lot of factors in the area that need to be considered

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City council will test the waters on the notion of a canal in Rossdale but, so far, it's only dipping in its toes.

Council approved a planning session on the Rossdale revitalization project in April and asked administration put together information on all kinds of possibilities, from possible aboriginal cultural

## Quoted

**"I'm far from convinced that this is feasible."**

Mayor Don Iveson

sites to the future of baseball at Telus Field to the aging power plant to the canal proposal from a private group.

Mayor Don Iveson said the area has a lot of factors that all need to be considered.

"I count at least 15 moving pieces down in Rossdale," he said.

He said that makes the canal idea challenging because it adds complexity, and the cost of redeveloping Rossdale is already a major challenge.

"I'm far from convinced that this is feasible," he said.

Coun. Dave Loken pushed to include the canal group because he believes it's an opportunity to get a solid plan for the area.

"I'm just trying to get this thing moved forward so we can make decisions," he said.

Sol Rolingher, a lawyer who is leading the group pushing for the canal, said they absolutely believe it makes sense and are glad council is willing to listen.

## Community

- The proposed canal would run through the community, and the group believes it would increase property values, making the development more feasible.
- Both the city and the private group believe Rossdale could host a dense, mixed-use community.

"We have a willingness by the majority of council to want to hear how this will prove out," he said.

He said he wishes council's motion allowed his group to present directly to them, rather than being filtered through administration.

"The problem we have is that, yes, we took two steps forward but probably one step back."



The proposed canal would be relatively shallow and could freeze over in the winter for ice skating, as shown in this conceptual image. CONTRIBUTED



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## Alta. NDP announces tour to hear residents' concerns

The New Democrats are hitting the road to get their own take on what Albertans want Premier Jim Prentice to do given the collapse in oil prices.

NDP Leader Rachel Notley says she wants to make sure that all voices are heard, not just those who want to cut budgets.

Prentice and his MLAs are currently visiting communities to get feedback on how

to keep the economy going despite low oil prices that have sucked billions of dollars from the treasury.

Prentice has said almost everything is on the table, including the wages of Alberta's public-sector workers.

The NDP tour begins Wednesday in Medicine Hat and will include former leader Brian Mason.

Mason has announced he

### Brian Mason

Former NDP leader Brian Mason says that with Prentice moving the Tories more to the right, a progressive alternative such as the NDP is more important than ever.

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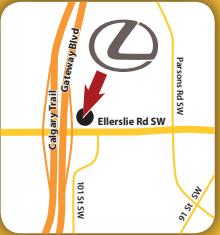
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NDP Leader Tom Mulcair SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Mulcair's trio of promises

### Election platform.

Measures aim to show New Democrats have plan to spur sputtering economy despite plunging oil prices

Tom Mulcair has nailed down three more planks in the NDP election platform, unveiling promises of tax relief for small business and manufacturers.

The NDP leader announced Tuesday that a New Democrat government would cut the tax rate for small businesses to nine per cent from the current 11 per cent.

It would also extend for an additional two years the accelerated capital cost allowance for machinery or equipment used in manufacturing, a tax break that is scheduled to expire this year. And it would create an innovation tax credit to encourage manufacturers to invest in machinery, equipment and property used in research and development.

"With strategic investments and a concrete plan, we can provide the squeezed middle class

with a stronger economy and better shock absorbers to ensure they weather the storm in the coming months and years ahead," Mulcair told the Economic Club of Canada.

The trio of measures is part of a bid to show that New Democrats have a plan to spur the sputtering economy that's in sharp contrast to the standpat approach taken by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives in the face of plunging oil prices.

But they're also likely to raise more questions about how Mulcair intends to pay for his promises at a time when the oil price drop is sucking billions from the federal treasury and stunting economic growth.

An NDP backgrounder estimates that reducing the small-business tax rate to 10 per cent immediately would cost \$600 million a year, with the final drop to nine per cent coming when finances permit. The innovation tax credit would cost about \$40 million a year, while extending the capital cost allowance would cost \$1.2 billion over two years.

That's on top of previous commitments Mulcair has made. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Prison

#### Denying parole to violent offenders dangerous: MPs

The government's long-promised plan to lock up some criminals and throw away the key will make prisons more dangerous, opposition MPs say.

Denying any chance of parole to the worst violent offenders will increase the chances of prison guards being attacked, the NDP and Liberal public safety critics said

Tuesday as the government signalled legislation would come before summer. Opposition MPs want a greater emphasis on rehabilitation.

Criminologists dismissed the life-behind-bars initiative after it was announced in the 2013 speech from the throne, saying there are already legal provisions to ensure the most heinous offenders never get out. At the time, the government said those convicted of the worst crimes — such as multiple murders or sex assaults on children — could spend the rest of their lives in prison. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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## ISIL: Hostages die today if prisoner not released

An online message purportedly from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) warned Tuesday that a Japanese hostage and Jordanian pilot the extremists hold have less than "24 hours left to live."

The message again demanded the release of Sajida al-Rishawi, an Iraqi woman sentenced to death in Jordan for involvement in a 2005 terror attack that killed 60 people. It also mentioned for the first time Jordanian pilot Mu'ath al-

Kaseasbeh, who is a captive of ISIL, setting a Wednesday afternoon deadline.

The message says that unless the Jordanian government frees al-Rishawi within 24 hours, Goto and the pilot will be killed, adding that this would be the group's last message.

The message warns any delaying tactics by the government will result in the death of both men.

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## Libya. Gunmen kill 10 during hotel shootout

In the latest sign of Libya's descent into chaos, gunmen stormed a luxury hotel used by diplomats and businessmen in the capital on Tuesday, killing 10 people, including an American, a French citizen and three people from Asia.

Two attackers were killed following an hours-long standoff that included a car bomb that exploded in the

parking lot of the seaside Corinthia Hotel. It was unclear if other gunmen were involved in the attack, which also killed five Libyan guards.

In Twitter posts and a statement on social media, a Tripoli affiliate of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) was said to be behind the attack, but there was little evidence to back up the claims. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Massachusetts, Long Island hit hard by nor'easter blizzard

Charlie Glover leaves a two-foot tall path as he uses a snow blower to dig himself out of the snow on Tuesday in New Bedford, Mass. The not-so-great blizzard of 2015 did wallop the Northeast — Long Island and Massachusetts got hammered — but snowfall in the media capital of New York City was about 0.3 metres. New Jersey and Philadelphia also were spared. Meteorologists say the nor'easter stayed about 120 to 160 kilometres east of its predicted track, which meant the western edge — New York and New Jersey — got 10 inches less than was originally forecast.

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# Survivors mark 70 years free

**Holocaust.** Jewish, world leaders and 300 former prisoners gathered at infamous Auschwitz camp to commemorate their liberation

A Jewish leader stood before 300 survivors of a notorious Nazi death camp on Tuesday and asked world leaders to prevent another Auschwitz, warning of a rise of anti-Semitism that has made Jews fearful of walking the streets, and is causing many to flee Europe.

Ronald Lauder, the president of the World Jewish Congress, made his bleak assessment on the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, speaking next to the gate and the railroad tracks that marked the last journey for more than a million people murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

He said his speech was shaped by the recent terrorist attacks in France that targeted Jews and newspaper satirists.

"For a time, we thought that the hatred of Jews had finally been eradicated. But slowly the demonization of Jews started to come back," Lauder said.

Europe witnessed a spasm of anti-Semitism last summer during the war in Gaza, with protests in Paris turning violent along with other hostilities across the continent.

One Holocaust survivor, Roman Kent, became emotional as he issued a plea to world leaders to remember the

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"We do not want our past to be our children's future."

Roman Kent, Holocaust survivor

atrocities and fight for tolerance.

"We do not want our past to be our children's future," the 85-year-old said to applause, fighting back tears as he repeated those words a second time.

The commemorations in Poland, which was under Nazi occupation during the Second World War, were also marked by a melancholic awareness that it may be the last major anniversary that a significant number of survivors will be strong enough to attend.

"The survivors are completely gutted that in their lifetime they went through what they went through and that now they are at the end of their life and they don't know what kind of world they are leaving for their grandchildren," said Stephen Smith, executive director of the USC Shoah Foundation.

"That is very disappointing for them. We have let them down."

Among those in attendance were French President François Hollande and Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko.

The German and Austrian presidents also attended, however Russian President Vladimir Putin was absent, despite the Soviet Red Army having fought and died to liberate the camp. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Greece**

Death toll of F-16 training accident rises to 11

The death toll from the crash of a Greek F-16 fighter jet during an elite NATO pilot training program rose to 11 Tuesday after a French airman who suffered serious burns died, Spain's Defence Ministry said.

**Somalia**

Key leader leaves country's Islamic extremist group

A leader of Somalia's Islamic extremist group al-Shabab with a \$3 million bounty on his head announced Tuesday he has quit the insurgency and renounced violence perpetrated by the al-Qaida-linked group.

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# Facebook, Instagram dismiss cyberattack

**Lizard Squad.** Group of hackers had claimed responsibility on Twitter for outages

Facebook said the outage that made its social-media sites inaccessible worldwide for about an hour Tuesday was self-inflicted.

Users of PCs and Facebook's mobile app reported they lost access in Asia, Canada, the United States, Australia and the U.K. Facebook-owned Instagram was also inaccessible.

Facebook said the disruption was caused by a technical change and wasn't a cyberattack: "This was not the result of a third-party attack but instead occurred after we introduced a change that affected our configuration systems," it said in a statement.

The temporary loss of service may be Facebook's biggest outage since Sept. 24, 2010, when it was down for about



Instagram and Facebook users in Canada, Asia, the U.S., Australia and the U.K. were affected when the social-media websites stopped working for about an hour Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

2.5 hours.

Guillermo Lafuente, security consultant at MWR InfoSecurity, said a technical fault was more plausible. A denial-of-service attack would have made the sites unreachable rather than accessible with an error message displayed, he said. Facebook's use of mul-

tiple data centres also meant an attack on one would have affected one region, while this outage was worldwide.

Also, restoring service would be a matter of reversing the technical changes, which matched with the brevity of the outage, Lafuente said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Jobs

### Tim Hortons to lay off staff at HQ

Tim Hortons is refusing to say how many employees will lose their jobs at its headquarters and regional offices in a reorganization of its operations announced Tuesday. A spokeswoman said it's "still in the process" of notifying staff members who will be affected by widespread changes to its Oakville, Ont., offices and regional offices.

While the company plans to keep its headquarters in Oakville, staff outside its restaurants were not protected under a promise by Burger King to maintain jobs at Tim Hortons franchises across Canada for five years.

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## Loans and mortgages

### Big Five banks cut prime rate

Canada's big banks have started passing on some — but not all — of the Bank of Canada's rate cut, lowering the interest charged on loans and mortgages tied to the prime rate.

Royal Bank was the first to cut its prime rate when it announced it would go

down to 2.85 per cent from three per cent, effective Wednesday. The move was quickly matched by the rest of the Big Five: Bank of Montreal, TD Bank, CIBC and Bank of Nova Scotia.

The Bank of Canada last week cut its overnight lending rate to 0.75 per cent from one per cent — but the big banks didn't immediately match the cut in their prime rates.

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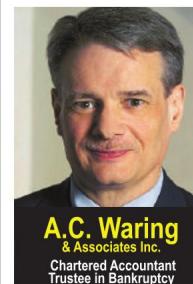


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I'm getting bloody tired of defending my city.

"Why do you live there?"

From the snobbish comments about mosquitoes (yes, they can be bad) to the jokes about Winterpeg (yes, winter can be bad), it gets tiresome. Especially when the bulk of the snobbery comes from Canada's wannabe capital.

I think Winnipeg Free Press policy reporter Mary Agnes Welch said it best when she tweeted, "Is it just my Western Canadian chip, or are others cranky with pubs like @globeandmail & @MacleansMag Toronto-splaining our problems to us?"

I share your chip, Mary Agnes.

The latest "Toronto-splain" comes from Maclean's, which branded Winnipeg as having the country's worst racism problem.

Speaking of problems, there are several with the article. For example, the statistics used are for the entire Prairies, not for Winnipeg. The example of Tina Sinclair as a racially motivated murderer is flawed, as we don't know who killed her or why. Aboriginal teen Rinelle Harper was sexually assaulted, beaten and thrown into the river by two aboriginal men—that's



Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman responds to the Maclean's article on Thursday. Metro's Elisha Dacey argues that Winnipeg was working on its problem with racism long before Maclean's and its "Toronto-splaining" supposedly started the conversation. SHANE GIBSON/METRO IN WINNIPEG

not racist, that's simply horrific.

But the most frustrating thing for me is that the writer, former Winnipegger Nancy Macdonald, came "back" after the article to meet with local groups. She told the CBC that she was there in hopes of witnessing

change and the start of the conversation. News flash, Nancy: We've been talking about it for years. We've been changing for years.

Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman reacted to the article by agreeing we have a problem, because we already

know this. It's systemic. Anyone who followed the story of Brian Sinclair, an aboriginal man who died from a treatable bladder infection in a Winnipeg emergency room because nurses figured he was a drunk sleeping it off, knows it's a problem.

But we're not afraid of challenges, and we've already started. The city established a Citizen Equity Committee in 2001 with a mandate to advise council on how to integrate and respect all cultures. Meet Me At The Bell Tower is a local group founded a few years ago by a young aboriginal activist living in the city's most depressed neighbourhood as a rallying cry for all Winnipeggers to lift themselves up. There are numerous other examples.

But change like this takes time. It takes generations.

I've lived in other cities. They're racist, too. And they're full of crumbling infrastructure and crooked politicians and bad weather and bugs that bite.

So why do I live here? We embrace winter. We put on bug spray and dance in the city parks. Our music scene is arguably the best in the country. Culturally, you will not find a stronger city. At festivals such as Fringe and Folkrama and Festival du Voyageur, we celebrate our differences. We ignored the naysayers and built the stunning Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

And we've admitted we have a racism problem. Have you?

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Bell's Let's Talk Day

## Damn shame: Overcoming stigma in mental illness



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The view count on Brene Brown's TED Talk about shame clocks in at more than 4.5 million. Though we're loath to admit it, shame is a hot topic.

It's a major reason people don't seek help with anxiety, depression and other mental-health issues. With today's Let's Talk Day, a campaign by Bell to raise awareness of and reduce the stigma around mental illness, and raise funds for Canadian mental-health initiatives, shame needs to be part of the discussion more than ever.

Sound familiar?

"It's normal to have this level of stress. I'm just not very good at dealing with it."

"I can't say anything now. Too

many people are depending on me."

"There are people who are so much worse off than I am, so I have no right to complain."

If you've felt any of these, you're not alone.

Work-related stress, for instance, is ubiquitous. Nearly a third of Canadians experience high levels of stress in the workplace, according to a report released by the Mental Health Commission of Canada last

Talking point:

**2 OUT OF 3 PEOPLE DON'T SEEK HELP BECAUSE OF FEAR OF JUDGMENT AND REJECTION**

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Talking point:

**20% OF CANADIANS WILL EXPERIENCE SOME FORM OF MENTAL ILLNESS AT ONE POINT IN THEIR LIVES**

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week. A common thread in the report, which outlined 13 key indicators of mental illness in Canada, was that they affect us all. The report identified surprisingly high numbers of people who experienced mental-health issues in everyday situations.

Mental wellness in schools was another major concern. The report found that a shocking 20 per cent of

post-secondary students may have engaged in self-harm, a warning sign that colleges and universities need to pay keen attention to their students' mental well-being, and provide more methods of support. Encouraging in-class discussions about coping with stress would be a good start. The ideals of perfection in school, work and relationships are rampant and poisonous. Magazines publish unrealistic profiles of successful people and give advice on

Talking point:

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how you can hold the perfect dinner party, get perfect abs, be a super-human. If these are the standards we internalize, it's no wonder we feel shame when our lives and feelings don't measure up.

Acknowledging and accepting that yes, life is complicated, is critical to overcoming the shame barrier in mental illness. The government, media, schools, employers and individuals need to acknowledge that negative feelings exist, and we need to talk about them.

Reality is messy. And that's OK.

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Taylor Swift ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Taylor used to write about exes, now she writes about convicts

Who doesn't love a good bizarre lawsuit? Jose Hilario, who is currently serving a 10-year prison sentence for child pornography, is suing Taylor Swift for \$100 million US on the claim that she used his life story for lyrics on her hugely successful album 1989. In the handwritten — yes, handwritten — filing obtained by Radar Online, Hilario claims that he and Swift began an email correspondence in 2008 shortly after she turned 18 and started connecting via Skype

because Swift "was lonely and sad and that she needed someone to chat with." After two months of virtual friendship, Hilario says they met up at a Rhode Island mall on April 13, 2008. "They hugged and kissed each other," the suit claims, adding that Swift promised "she would help him with his legal problems and that she would write and sing songs about him." The problem, he claims, is that Swift only did half of that, as he apparently discovered

upon listening to 1989. "I know for a fact that the defendant have a good heart and that she will come back to her senses and not forget her promise that she made to me," Hilario's suit states, mysteriously switching from third to first person. It may seem odd, though, that a friend looking for legal assistance would also demand \$100 million, but there you go. Oh, and Hilario is also asking Swift to introduce him to Miley Cyrus. Because of course.

## Police still investigating Emile's Sundance dust-up

Things apparently got more than a little heated between actor Emile Hirsch and an unidentified female Paramount Pictures executive at a Sundance after-party. The altercation reportedly took place early Monday morning at Tao's pop-up club at the film festival. "Something happened between the movie exec and Emile, and she said she had been assaulted and asked security to call the police," a source tells Page Six. "Emile didn't leave the scene, and calmly waited for the police to arrive, and spoke with them until around 5 a.m., after which he went



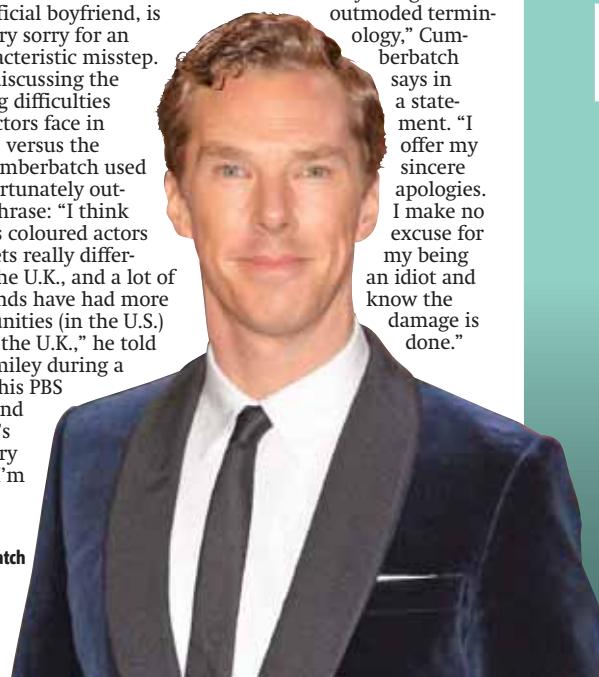
Emile Hirsch

home with his friends. No arrests were made." That could change, though, as Salt Lake City police are said to still be investigating the matter.

## Benedict admits he's 'an idiot' for using outdated racial term

Benedict Cumberbatch, star of Sherlock and the Internet's official boyfriend, is very, very sorry for an uncharacteristic misstep. While discussing the differing difficulties black actors face in the U.K. versus the U.S., Cumberbatch used an unfortunately outdated phrase: "I think as far as coloured actors go, it gets really different in the U.K., and a lot of my friends have had more opportunities (in the U.S.) than in the U.K.," he told Tavis Smiley during a visit to his PBS show. And now he's very, very sorry. "I'm

devastated to have caused offence by using this outmoded terminology," Cumberbatch says in a statement. "I offer my sincere apologies. I make no excuse for my being an idiot and know the damage is done."



Benedict Cumberbatch



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# Twirlgate, mani-cams and sexism pushback

**Backlash.** Women are using social media to voice concerns about how female celebrities, athletes and politicians are treated by reporters

Eugenie Bouchard. Hillary Clinton. Julianne Moore.

What do they have in common? For one, they're all notable women in their respective realms. Many say they've also been on the receiving end of gendered treatment from the media, fielding questions about their outfits instead of their accomplishments, for example. But if online pushback is any indication, women are getting fed up ... and making their voices heard.

Bouchard, the Canadian tennis star, was a hot topic on social media last week after twirling at the request of a male interviewer during the Australian Open.

As for Clinton, the ongoing will-she-or-won't-she debate over her potential 2016 presi-



Canada's Eugenie Bouchard gestures during her women's singles match against Maria Sharapova at the 2015 Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on Tuesday. Bouchard was a hot topic on social media last week after a male interviewer asked her to twirl around. PAUL CROCK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

dential run led has led to speculation about how her daughter's pregnancy would affect her decision.

And at Sunday's Screen Actors Guild awards in Los Angeles, Moore and fellow celebs

Jennifer Aniston, Reese Witherspoon and Tatiana Maslany, the Canadian star of *Orphan Black*, all rejected E!'s controversial mani-cam. (For those who don't know, it's exactly what it sounds like: a camera

devoted to offering a close-up look at the manicures of female celebrities.)

"I got a text from my son saying, 'Yeah, blow off the mani-cam,'" Moore told reporters after the event. The gimmick was in the spotlight at last year's SAG awards too, when Cate Blanchett snubbed E!'s request, asking, "Do you do that to the guys?"

After Sunday's round of rebuffs, Twitter was filled with support for the actresses who opted out. "Tatiana Maslany is a role model because even amongst peer pressure, she turned down the Mani-Cam," tweeted MTV staffer Lauren Pokedoff.

"Will all these celebs refusing to do mani-cam finally get E! to stop trying to make it happen?" wondered Vlada Gelman, an editor at TVLine.com.

"There they are — red carpet, lights glaring — and they almost did (the mani-cam) and then they said no. I thought, 'Good for you ... for standing up and defining your limits for what is acceptable,'" says Elissa Freeman, a pop culture

expert and communications strategist.

But she says it will take more women making a stand — and men, too — to fully change the conversation and shift public consciousness.

"Until people say, 'Smarten up,' then you're not going to get any change, and they're still going to get the mani-cam at the next award show," Freeman says.

As for Bouchard, an incident being called Twirlgate has met with derision from several women in the global sporting community.

"Can you give us a twirl and tell us about your outfit?" Bouchard was asked on camera. She obliged, burying her face in her hands.

"This is truly sexist," tweeted Billie Jean King, an American former tennis champion.

"It was an insult to women's sport," echoed England women's football captain Kelly Smith in an interview with the Mirror.

Women have also objected to speculation about whether Clinton can be both a grandmother and a president.

"Is it fair to pit grandmotherly desires against political ambition?" questioned ABC News writer Liz Kreutz. "Would anyone ever ask the same questions about a male politician? Is this speculation, in essence, sexist?"

It's absolutely sexist, says Freeman. But she says women are increasingly taking a stand against this kind of gendered treatment from the media.

"Women's voices are starting to be heard and it seems they're using social media as a platform to do that, because they're not necessarily being asked by the press about these things," Freeman says.

That includes participating in online campaigns like therepresentationproject.org, an initiative pushing to change how interviewers talk to women on the red carpet. The hashtag, started early last year by the Representation Project — an organization geared toward challenging and overcoming limiting gender stereotypes — is still being used through the 2015 award season.

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## Junos. Magic! nabs five nominations



Magic! is the leading nominee heading into this year's Juno Awards.

The Toronto group's reggae-infused single *Rude* is up for single of the year, while they're also nominated in the Juno Fan Choice, breakthrough group, top songwriter, and pop album of the year categories.

Leonard Cohen and Cal-

gary's Kiesza have four nominations apiece.

Rockers The Arkells will perform at the awards show, which is being staged in their hometown of Hamilton, along with Magic!, Kiesza, Hedley and Shawn Mendes.

The show will air live on CTV on March 15.

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### Notable

For the first time since 2009, Justin Bieber failed to land a single Juno nomination.

Edmonton nominees include:

- Jim Head's *Zoetrope* for jazz album of the year: solo.
- Clayton Bellamy and his band, *The Roadhammers*, for country album of the year for *Wheels*.
- Mac DeMarco for breakthrough artist of the year.
- Peter Dreimanis and his Toronto band *July Talk* for alternative album of the year.

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# Phoenix rising for golf fans

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Phoenix-Scottsdale is the place to be this weekend with a rowdy PGA event and the Super Bowl



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For four eagerly anticipated days starting tomorrow, the twin cities of Phoenix-Scottsdale will be the focus of the sports universe.

First up is the Waste Management Phoenix Open, which annually draws the loudest, rowdiest and largest crowds on the PGA Tour. And overlapping the tourney's final round on Sunday is Super Bowl XLIX at University of Phoenix Stadium. The NFL showdown will be viewed by an estimated 112 million fans worldwide.

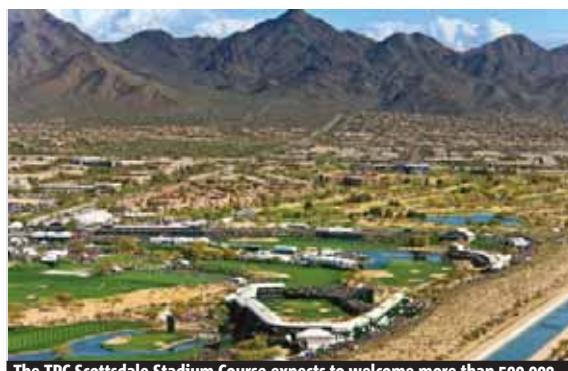
With more than 100,000 out-of-town visitors expected for both events, this year's Phoenix Open at the newly remodelled TPC Scottsdale Stadium Course is almost certain to shatter last year's record attendance of 590,000.

Billed as the Greatest Show on Grass, the tournament is a sports marketer's fantasy come to life.

Even non-golfers feel obliged to make the scene. Young women in stiletto heels and skin-tight dresses stream through the gates to flirt with shirtless, face-painted and inebriated young men. In the evening, the party refuels at the Coors Light Birds Nest, a temporary nightclub



The par-three 16th hole at the Waste Management Phoenix Open is surrounded by rowdy fans. CONTRIBUTED



The TPC Scottsdale Stadium Course expects to welcome more than 590,000 visitors during the Phoenix Open. CONTRIBUTED

under a giant tent.

Wildest of all are the crowds that overflow the grandstand surrounding the par-three 16th hole. Players are variously greeted by cheers, boos and name-calling as they enter the stadium. Those who make poor tee shots are berated mercilessly

as they take their walk of shame to the green.

Easily forgotten in the hoopla is the Stadium Course's prominence among the groundbreaking desert courses that have made Phoenix-Scottsdale one of the world's top golf destinations. Designed by Tom Weiskopf

and Jay Morrish, the course brilliantly blends large patches of natural desert with just 28 acres of green fairways.

Beginning in the 1980s, local water restrictions forced Weiskopf, Morrish and other architects to limit their use of turf fairways and instead embrace the natural drama of the Sonoran Desert. Tee boxes were isolated in seas of sagebrush, cacti and sand. Giant saguaros were used to frame landing areas edged by dusty gullies known as arroyos.

And in their most radical innovation, architects frequently made golfers fly their approach shots to greens protected by large and gnarly waste areas.

Today, more than 200 of Arizona's 300 courses are found in the Phoenix-Scottsdale area. Other top clubs include Grayhawk Golf Club, We-Ko-Pa Golf Club, Troon North Golf Club, The Boul-

## Where to stay:

- **Fairmont Scottsdale Princess.** Located next door to the TPC Scottsdale Stadium Course, this popular luxury hotel is home base for many of the visiting PGA Tour pros.
- **Westin Kierland Resort & Spa.** This tastefully decorated hotel in North Scottsdale features 27 holes of golf just steps from the lobby doors.
- **Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North.** Nestled in the foothills of Scottsdale's Pinnacle Peak, this luxury resort offers easy access to nearby Troon North Golf Club.

ders Golf Club, ASU Karsten Golf Course, Wildfire Golf Club, Raven Golf Club, Dove Valley Ranch Golf Club, Eagle Mountain Golf Club, and McDowell Mountain Golf Club.

But more than any other, the Stadium Course has spread the gospel of desert design around the golf world. This year's tournament will showcase an eight-month, \$12-million facelift of the course by Weiskopf.

Greens were relocated on several holes, bunkers reshaped and more than 250 trees planted.

Adding to the growing excitement was the recent announcement by Tiger Woods that he will play in the Phoenix Open for the first time since 2001. Ticket sales exploded following his entry.

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## New



## Dream Midtown gets an overhaul

New York's 220-room Dream Midtown, brainchild of hotelier Vikram Chatwal, has given itself a reno for its 10th birthday. The hotel's new look is a mix of art and surreal architecture, with bright, jewel-toned colours and bold patterns, and bathrooms all done up in Carrera marble — with backlit mirrors, of course. A nightclub and rooftop lounge open this fall. From \$150. Visit Dreamny.com. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

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# Now is the time to take a tour of Selma

**History.** A half-century anniversary and the Oscar-nominated film have put the spotlight on this Alabama city

The 50th anniversary of the civil rights marches in Selma and the movie that tells the story are expected to bring thousands of visitors to this historic Alabama city this year.

Visitors can still walk across the bridge where voting rights marchers were beaten in 1965 and see the churches where they organized protests.

"There are certain place names in American history where significant, history-making events took place, like Gettysburg, Valley Forge and Vicksburg, and I think because of this film, Selma becomes one of the place names that stands as a significant milestone in American history," Alabama tourism director Lee Sentell said.

Oprah Winfrey, other actors from Selma and hundreds more marched to the city's Edmund Pettus Bridge two weekends ago on the eve of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. But a bigger event is expected to attract more than 40,000 people — including present and former government officials — in Selma March 5-9 for the annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee, including a walk across the bridge March 8.

The event marks the 50th anniversary of the Bloody Sunday, when law enforcement used billy clubs and tear gas to rout marchers intent on walking 80 kilometres to Montgomery on



The Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma is expected to host 40,000 people for the annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee from March 5-9. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

March 7, 1965, to seek the right for blacks to register to vote. A new march, led by Martin Luther King Jr., began March 21, 1965, and arrived in Montgomery on March 25, with the crowd swelling to 25,000 by the time they reached the Capitol. Those events and others helped lead to passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which opened Southern polling places to millions of blacks and ended all-white

rule in the South.

The movie Selma won Oscar nominations for best picture and best song.

Today, the bridge and adjoining downtown business district look much as they did in 1965, except many storefronts are empty and government buildings are occupied largely by African-American officials.

Attractions related to the protests are all within walking distance of the bridge. They include the First Baptist



Martin Luther King Jr. leading the 80-kilometre march to Montgomery on March 7, 1965. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Church, where many protests were organized, and Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church, where marchers congregated before going to the bridge and where they sought safety after being beaten.

Near the bridge, a free tour of an interpretive centre built by the National Park Service offers photographs of the events and emotional video interviews with people who were on both sides of the issues.

Nearby is the Ancient Africa, Enslavement and Civil War Museum, where visitors can see how slaves were captured, sold and exploited, including a depiction of what it was like to be on a slave ship bound for America.

"You have to know about slavery to know why we didn't have the right to vote," said Faya Rose Toure, one of the museum's founders.

Then tourists can retrace history by walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to a park and the National Voting Rights Museum on the opposite side. Museum artifacts include surveillance photos taken by state police. One feature that stands

out is the white plaster footprints of the largely unknown participants in the march and their personal stories about being part of history, from facing danger to treating blistered feet.

"Everybody has seen pictures of Dr. King leading the march. Those people behind him are what we are focusing on," historian Sam Walker said.

State Sen. Hank Sanders, Selma's first black senator since Reconstruction and a founder of the National Voting Rights Museum, said Selma's location an hour's drive west of Interstate 65, a major route to Gulf Coast beaches, will help attract more visitors to the museum this spring and summer.

After touring Selma, visitors can drive the march route along U.S. 80 to the halfway point in White Hall, where the Park Service has a much larger interpretive centre about the events. Then they can complete the 80-kilometre trip to Montgomery. There visitors can tour the Capitol, where King made the

## For more information...

- National Park Service Selma to Montgomery Trail. nps.gov/semo/index.htm
- National Voting Rights Museum. nvrmi.com
- Alabama Tourism. alabama.travel
- Bridge Crossing Jubilee. bcjubilee.org
- Accommodations. The historic St. James Hotel, built in 1837 and located in the middle of Selma's civil rights attractions, 334-872-3234.

emotional speech that ends Selma, and see a monument and museum dedicated to civil rights martyrs. The Civil Rights Memorial includes three victims featured in the movie, Jimmie Lee Jackson, who was shot by a state trooper; James Reeb, who was beaten by white segregationists, and Viola Liuzzo, who was shot by Klansmen while taking marchers back to Selma.

Other sites include the Greyhound bus station where Freedom Riders seeking to integrate interstate transportation were beaten by a white mob in 1961, a museum commemorating Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott that King led in 1955, and the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, where King served as pastor before moving to Atlanta to lead the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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# Live as the locals do in the City of Angels

## Off the beaten path.

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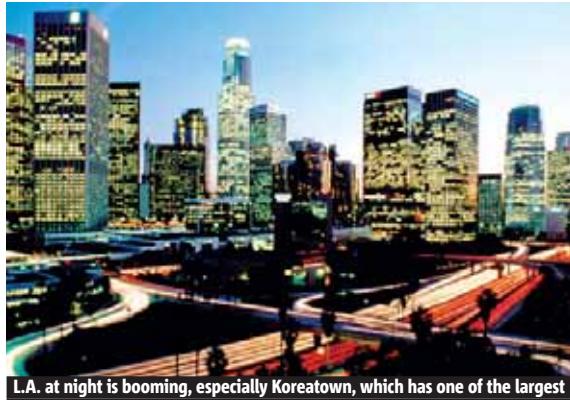
Los Angeles is all about Hollywood glamour and California beach culture, but it's easy to get off the tourist track and experience it like a local.

Downtown L.A.'s Arts District is undergoing a renaissance, with local street art, artisan coffee shops, and new restaurants opening up in converted industrial buildings.

"It's got its own vibe and personality," said Molly Morgan, assistant manager of communications with the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board.

L.A. artists helped pioneer the global street art movement back in the 1960s.

Today, the city is home to thousands of street murals from modern to impressionistic — with one



L.A. at night is booming, especially Koreatown, which has one of the largest concentrations of nightclubs and 24-hour restaurants in the U.S.

of the most condensed collections in the streets of the Arts District.

Like the rest of the city, there is a focus here on "made in L.A." — whether it's locally-grown ingredients used in restaurants or locally-crafted jewelry, clothing, and artwork.

Downtown L.A.'s Grand Central Market, for example, celebrates the cuisines and cultures of L.A., from Sarita's Pupuseria to Horse Thief BBQ and The Oyster Gourmet. This 30,000-square-foot arcade is both a food emporium and retail marketplace, which also serves as a hub for public events.

Of course, a trip to L.A. would be remiss without spending some time at the beach. Aside from Santa



Venice Beach boardwalk is one of the main beaches in L.A., but there are others not to be missed. PHOTOS COURTESY LA TOURISM

Monica and Malibu, the other big beach is Venice. And while the infamous Muscle Beach has found its way into countless movies and TV shows, there are lesser-known enclaves that are worth exploring, according to Morgan.

Walk, bike, or in-line skate down the carnival-like Ocean Front Walk, or even learn to surf. Rent a bike, blades or board, or try a Legends bike tour (from Perry's Cafe) that winds its way through the Italian-inspired canals of Venice.

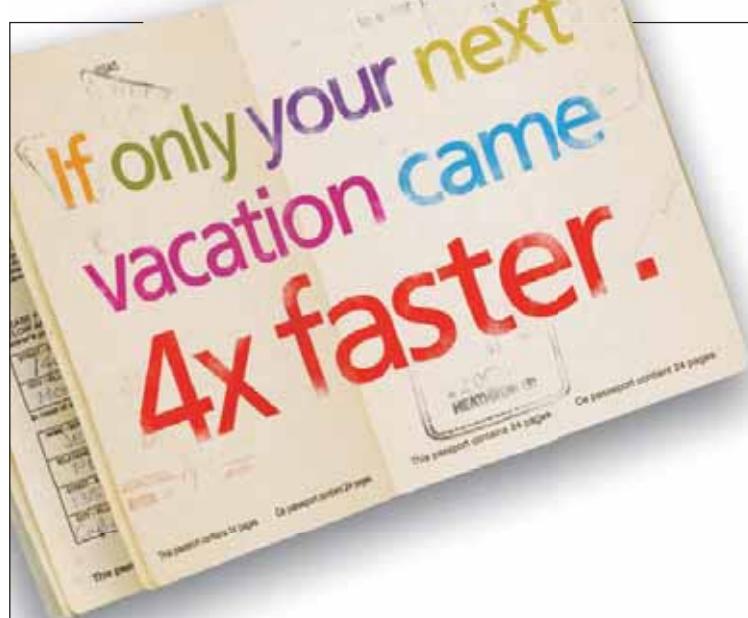
While in Venice, check out Abbot Kinney, which GQ magazine calls the "coolest block in America." Considered one of L.A.'s hippest shopping districts, Abbot Kinney offers everything from artwork to jewelry and clothing from homegrown artists and designers, with an ever-evolving culinary scene (try Baja-style codfish tacos at Oscar's Cervetec or sip a blood orange julep at Barlo's open-air rooftop lounge).

## Forgo the rental car

- Whether you want to take in L.A.'s music scene, beach culture or diverse neighbourhoods, it's possible to explore this sprawling metropolis without a car. The Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board offers a series of self-guided, car-free itineraries to explore L.A. by foot, bike, or Metro.

In Venice, visitors can also get a taste of L.A.'s thriving food truck scene, with affordable gourmet fare that reflects L.A.'s cultural diversity, from Mexican, Japanese and Jewish to distinctly Californian fare. To track down a food truck, check out [findlafoodtrucks.com](#).

For nightlife, head to Koreatown, just west of downtown L.A., which Morgan said caters to the more adventurous traveller. Once the centre of Golden Age Hollywood, K-town is now one of the most diverse neighbourhoods in L.A.



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# Celebrate the Lunar New Year in New York

**Events.** Asian enclaves across the boroughs offer their own twist on traditional celebrations

Chinatown has long been a popular destination for tourists in Lower Manhattan. But visitors willing to explore the city's outer boroughs might consider a subway ride to neighbourhoods in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, or Flushing, Queens, which are also home to large Asian populations. All three neighbourhoods also host events connected to Lunar New Year. The holiday is marked on Feb. 19 but several parades and festivities are planned for the weekend of Feb. 21-22.

## Sunset Park

Sunset Park isn't as well-known as the Chinatowns in Manhattan and Queens, but it's one of

## Year of the what?

Each Lunar New Year has a different animal symbol from the 12 creatures in the Chinese zodiac. But this year's animal is subject to interpretation. "It can be a ram, sheep or goat — any ruminant mountain animal with horns," says Lenny Cheng, who works in the Brooklyn branch of the Chinatown Planning Council.



The parade in Manhattan's Chinatown kicks off at 1 p.m. on Feb. 22 at Canal and Mott streets. **ISTOCK**

the city's fastest-growing immigrant neighbourhoods. There's an Asian enclave here — predominantly Chinese, with a concentration of Fujianese and Cantonese residents — as well as a large Spanish-speaking population. Brooklyn's Eighth Avenue is home to many Asian restaurants, markets and shops, roughly between 40th and 60th streets.

On Feb. 21, a public school, P.S. 310, at 6214 Fourth Ave., in Brooklyn, is hosting a day of free festivities in honour of the new year. It runs from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and includes martial arts and lion dance performances, games and vendors.

## Flushing

Take the 7 train to the last stop in Queens, Main Street, into the heart of a busy neighbourhood. The Golden Mall is home to the flagship loca-

tion for Xi'an Famous Foods, in the basement of 41-28 Main St. Xi'an is known for unique noodle dishes and now has 10 locations around the city. A Lunar New Year Bazaar takes place Feb. 14, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., while a parade with a lion dance will run from Union Street to Main Street and 39th Avenue, Feb. 21, expected to take place around 11 a.m.

## Manhattan

This is the city's oldest and best-known Chinese neighbourhood. Its massive, colourful Lunar New Year parade and festival take place Feb. 22, kicking off at 1 p.m. at Canal and Mott streets, heading to Chatham Square, then down East Broadway, Eldridge and Grand Streets to Sara D. Roosevelt Park.

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## Interview

### Masterchef judges dish on travel



**ON THE MOVE**  
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As the second season premiere of *Masterchef Canada* (Feb. 8 on CTV) approaches, I caught up with two of the judges, chefs Michael Bonacini and Claudio Aprile, to chat about travel experiences and food — and where to get the best of both.

#### Where do you find the best meals in Canada?

**CA:** Toronto is on the cusp of becoming one of the great culinary destinations of the world. Recently, I had an incredible meal at Navarra in Ottawa.

**MB:** Model Milk and NottaBLE in Calgary I thoroughly enjoyed. They also have a great food truck scene in Calgary. My Shanti, Vikram Vij's place, in Surrey, British Columbia was wonderful and in Montreal Antonio Park does amazing sushi.

#### What is your dream trip in Canada?

**CA:** Hop on my motorcycle and head over to the East Coast. Explore the oyster and scallop beds and really get to know the people that produce



**Masterchef Canada judges from left: Michael Bonacini, Alvin Leung and Michael Bonacini.** CONTRIBUTED

this wonderful food that is so Canadian. I am not drawn to high end glossy restaurants, I prefer the Ma and Pa culture; humble and pure.

**MB:** An incredibly remote fishing camp in B.C., rural and sophisticated, that serves up your catch. In other words, the best shore lunch in town. My ideal is to fly in, bush hog the last two kilometres to get there and as my father-in-law says, "bring a couple of good wines, sit down and tell some lies."

#### And internationally?...You can only pick one place!

**CA:** Burma. I lean toward the purity of Asian cuisines and the big, punchy flavours they have. Pacific Rim cooking has a lot of layers; a citrus compon-

ent, a spice layer. It's bright, it's clean and it's fresh. Some of the best food I have ever had was in Thailand and it made a huge impact on the way I cook.

**MB:** That's tough, but I am going to say, London, England. The food scene is really exciting and vibrant. It's cutting edge and trend setting for Europe, which it never used to be. And it is not only the West End with its high rents and big name chefs that are causing a stir, but areas like Shoreditch and the Docks, where the chefs are urban guerillas, bucking the trends and doing what they love to do with the food they believe in. Their attitude is unapologetic.

I love that.

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# How to organize your workspace

**Career.** Take a moment to tidy up and make a good impression as an organized professional

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No matter what size your workspace may be, it's important that you keep the area tidy.

An organized desk and office helps you to be more productive because it means you can find things quickly and easily.

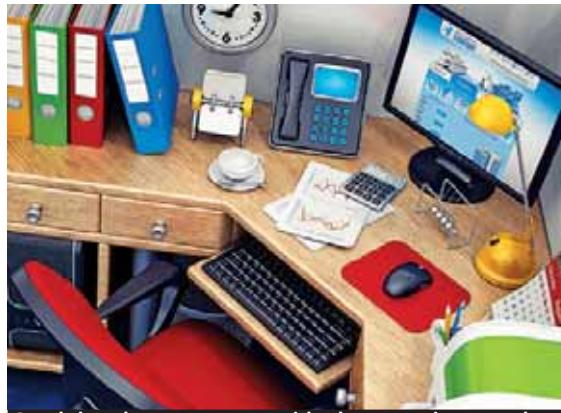
It's a sign of professionalism and, more importantly, an organized employee.

Here are five top tips for making your workspace work:

#### Develop your own colour code

Use coloured office supplies to help you keep track of things.

Try using colour-coded sticky notes for reminders or to flag items; multi-coloured inks on a calendar where you write in meetings, deadlines and vacation time; folders for keeping



An orderly workspace prevents potential embarrassment in case your boss, co-worker, or client drops by unexpectedly. **ISTOCK**

related documents together; and highlighters for organizing your to-do list and notes from meetings.

Having your own colour code will help you navigate documents and organizers faster. Not only is it a huge time saver, it will show co-workers you're on top of your game.

#### Use the tools at your disposal

Think outside the box: a hand-

ful of office supplies can go a long way toward keeping your desk de-cluttered.

Try wrapping up loose wires and cords with binder clips, twist ties or elastic bands.

Get a small file tray or organizer to keep papers organized and out of sight, and use a mug or jar to hold your pens, pencils and other writing instruments.

You may also want to use dividers in your desk drawers to organize loose items like paper

clips, push pins, magnets, scissors and more.

#### Keep it clean

At least once every other week, wipe down your computer, keyboard, mouse and phone with disinfectant — you'd probably be surprised how much bacteria and dust builds up in your workspace over time.

Don't leave dirty dishes lying around, either, since that will make your desk look messy, and could attract ants or other unwanted guests.

#### Add a few personal touches

While it's great to keep your workspace neat and tidy with minimal clutter, it doesn't have to be completely devoid of personality.

A few pictures, a piece of artwork or a crafty item like a homemade paperweight or one-of-a-kind mouse pad can help to make the space your own. You get bonus points if you can find organizers or stationery that fits your personality as well.

Chances are you spend a lot of time at your desk, so you want to make sure you feel comfortable at it.

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Shantz says she enrolled in the Spanish courses and found it to make travelling abroad a more enriching experience.

"It opened up my curiosity about



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the culture and the language," Shantz says. "It really changes the interaction you have in another country."

She says both the French and the Spanish courses offered at MacEwan can have professional benefits as well, as it shows your dedication and commitment to your profession.

"Learning a second language opens up a whole new job market and can give an advantage over other candidates," Shantz says.

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# The line between brave and burned out

**Career.** Will putting in a few extra hours add to or subtract from your official duties?

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Going above and beyond is a great way to get your manager's attention, to stand out at work, and to signal that you are ready for that promotion. However, in today's busy work environments, you are probably already strapped for time. If you do take on extra responsibility, you want to make sure it's a value-add for both you and your employer.

Here's how:

**Where are you now?  
Where are you going?**

Before you try to take on more at work, you need to identify where you are now, and where you would like your next big career move to be. Then, you need to identify the skill and experience gap that exists, and how going above and beyond in your current job will help you get where you want to go. This knowledge will help you pick targeted opportunities that address the skill gap in a meaningful way, and not just add more work to your plate.

Consider this example: Your current role is very analytical, and doesn't require much interaction with



Before deciding to take on a little more, ask yourself if doing so will affect your ability to accomplish the tasks that need to get done. iSTOCK

**Don't overdo it**

- While it's commendable that you want to take on extra responsibilities at work, you need to be reasonable about how much you can handle at one time. It's always better to do a few things really well than spread yourself thin over too many commitments.
- Before offering to take on something new, honestly evaluate your schedule and be upfront about how much time you can commit to a new project. It's useful to set a fixed number of hours that you can spend on each side project or task each week, and stick to it to prevent the scope from creeping and taking over your primary responsibilities.

others, but the job you want requires a lot of client interaction and presentations. It would be easy to volunteer to do some more reporting or analytical tasks, but it would be far more valuable to find a task that will help

your next department meeting, or ask to start sitting in on some client meetings.

**Add incremental value**

When it comes to taking on side projects at work, there's no need to re-invent the wheel. Chances are there are tons of internal processes and projects that are in dire need of improvement. You probably see tons of examples of reporting that could be streamlined and projects that have been neglected.

We all have good ideas that never see the light of day, either because we are too nervous to speak up, or too busy to bother.

Next time you have an idea, propose a plan for implementing it, present it to your boss, and ask if you can take ownership of the initiative.

In the best-case scenario, your boss will say yes, and you have a great opportunity to lead a project.

In the worst-case scenario, you've provided your boss with a resource for

tackling an organizational problem that they may be able to use in the future.

Additionally, they will remember your willingness to go above and beyond, and will be more likely to come to you over others with future opportunities.

**Tread lightly**

Even though you might have the best intentions when trying to extend beyond your role at work, others might not always see it that way. When you think you are being helpful by taking on a new project, especially when it heavily overlaps with someone else's role, they may perceive this as you trying to "take over" their job, or outshine them.

Always be respectful of other people and make sure you're not stepping on any toes before jumping into something new.

Make sure you have your manager's support before going forward with a new project, so any questions and concerns that may arise can be appropriately directed.

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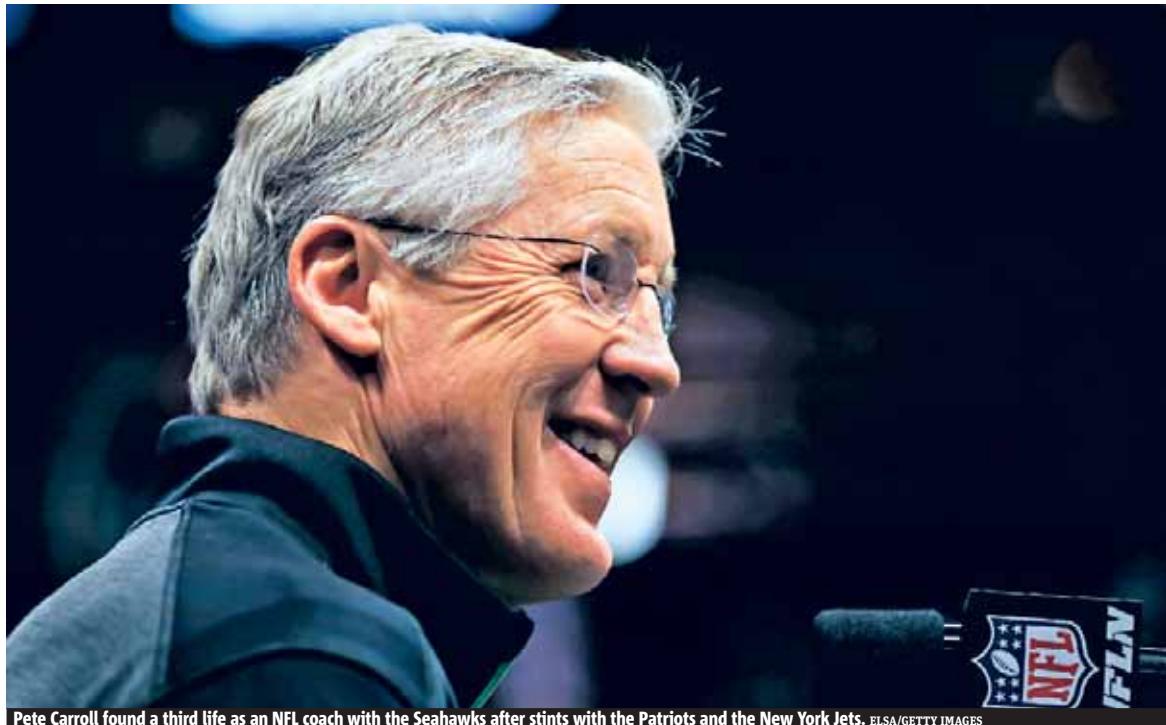
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Pete Carroll found a third life as an NFL coach with the Seahawks after stints with the Patriots and the New York Jets. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

## Carroll credits Pats firing for his success

**Super Bowl.** Seahawks coach has opportunity to join select group with two championships

Looking back at the championships he won at Southern Cal and the Super Bowl title a season ago with Seattle, Pete Carroll can see exactly where the foundation for all that success was built.

The 2000 football season was the only time since 1972 that Carroll did not work in coaching in some capacity, whether it was as a graduate assistant, position coach, co-ordinator or head coach.

He'd just been fired by New England after going 8-8 in his third season there, placing Carroll into the fraternity of twice-fired NFL head coaches. Carroll had ideas for how he wanted to run a team, but never solidified the guiding principles.

Getting fired might not have seemed necessary at the time, but proved vital in creating Carroll's future.

"I'll never know that and I'm going to take it for the way it happened was necessary," Carroll said. "The pain and the struggle and the hardship and then the challenges of bouncing back were all part of the rebirth of that — of the philosophy and a mentality."

### Lynch speaks on Media Day but doesn't say much

Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch constantly repeated, "I'm here so I don't get fined" for five minutes before leaving the podium at Media Day.

About 200 reporters crowded around Lynch's podium for at least 15 minutes before he arrived. But Lynch wouldn't answer any questions.

He set a timer on his



Marshawn Lynch  
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phone, caught a bag of Skittles tossed from the crowd and stopped to pick up a reporter's recorder off the floor before he walked away. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**"He trusts his players more than I think a lot of coaches do, and we appreciate him for that."**

Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman on head coach Pete Carroll

Fifteen years after being dismissed by Robert Kraft and New England, Carroll will face the Patriots as he tries to join another rare fraternity of coaches who have led teams to consecutive Super Bowl titles.

That year out of football was the birth of "Win Forever" and all the other catch-phrases that go along with being part of a Carroll-coached program. And much like last year's Super Bowl in New York, where Carroll got his first NFL head coaching job with the Jets, this trip to the championship game brings another chapter of his career full circle.

"It gave me an opportunity to really collect my thoughts about moving forward and to get pointed in the direction that, really, we have maintained since," Carroll said. "I had a tremendous opportunity to reflect on the time that I had had." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Gronkowski '100 per cent healthy' and ready to roll

Rob Gronkowski's ankle is fine. So are his forearm and knee. He's way past those injuries that ruined his last three post-seasons.

The fun-loving but hard-working Gronkowski was back on a Super Bowl Media Day platform on Tuesday. His laugh and smile were present, just as they were three years ago. The questions were dif-

ferent.

"It feels good to be 100 per cent healthy," the tight end said, "and not get a million questions like last time about my ankle." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Rob Gronkowski  
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#### NHL

### Brodeur ready to call it quits

Martin Brodeur is retiring to take a front-office job with the St. Louis Blues. The New Jersey Devils have a spot waiting for one of the greatest goaltenders in NHL history whenever he is ready to come back home.

"Absolutely. He is aware of that and has always been aware of that," Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello said Tuesday. "He could have come back even now if he wanted to."

The 10-time all-star and four-time Vezina Trophy winner finished his career with St. Louis after a standout, two-decade run with New Jersey. A news conference was set for Thursday morning before the Blues return from the all-star break to play Nashville.

The Montreal native was 691-397-176 with a 2.24 goals-against average, .912 save percentage and 125 shutouts in 1,266 career appearances. He holds regular-season NHL records for wins, games and minutes.

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### Howe's condition much improved

NHL legend Gordie Howe is doing so well after stem cell treatment that his son would like the hockey legend to undergo the treatment again. Gordie Howe suffered a pair of strokes late last year.

Marty Howe says his father did not have long to live when the family decided to take him to Mexico last month for stem cell treatment. He adds that his father can now walk again and his speech is improving.

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### Oilers, Rexall Place get Wild

The Edmonton Oilers played host to the Minnesota Wild on Tuesday night. Go to metronews.ca for the result.



# Clara's Big Ride tackles taboo

**TV special.** Olympic heroine Hughes is happy documentary is not just about her and hopes it will educate people on mental illness

Clara Hughes rode her bike 11,000 kilometres for 110 days around Canada to get people talking about mental illness.

She's pleased the documentary Clara's Big Ride isn't just about her. A one-hour television special chronicling her journey airs Wednesday on CTV and will also be available all day on CTV.ca and CraveTV. It could have been all about cycling through hard crosswinds, driving snow and exhaustion from March 11 to July 1, 2014.

But Hughes instead provides the thread between stories told by Canadians affected by mental illness: a teacher who has depression, anxiety and panic attacks; a university student who attempted suicide; a community worker in northern Canada

## NBA

**DeRozan keeps Raptors roaring atop Atlantic**

DeMar DeRozan scored 24 points and Kyle Lowry added 19 on Tuesday, leading Toronto to a 104-91 victory at Indiana.

The Atlantic Division-leading Raptors (30-15) overcame a sluggish first quarter to pick up their third straight win. The victory also gave Toronto a franchise record for most wins before the All-Star break.

Rodney Stuckey scored 22 points and Solomon Hill finished with 15 to lead Indiana (16-31), which has lost eight of nine.

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## Problem

**"What I'm seeing is we have a big problem in that the system is not there, and if it is there, it is not yet trusted for people to reach to."**

Clara Hughes

trying to prevent youth suicide; a soldier with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Hughes — winner of six Olympic medals in cycling and speed skating — was to join them in Toronto on Tuesday for a special screening of the documentary. "Of course it brings back so many emotions of what that ride was," she told The Canadian Press.

"What I like the most about it, and what I think people will be very surprised at, is most of it is not actually about riding a bike. It's not about me. It's about 10 different stories along the way of predominantly younger Canadians and what their struggle was, what their

story is." It's been almost seven months since the 42-year-old from Winnipeg concluded her epic ride on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. She participated in 235 events in 105 communities.

Hughes feels she achieved her goal of starting a conversation about mental illness and removing the fear of talking about it. But she sees Canada's health system and how it treats mental illness as another mountain to be climbed. A woman struggling with an eating disorder says in the documentary that she was told by her doctor to "just eat something."

Another with depression says she was told by her physician to not talk about it because people would judge her. "What I'm seeing is we have a big problem in that the system is not there, and if it is there, it is not yet trusted for people to reach to," Hughes said.

"The conversation is stimulated and people are reaching out more and more and more, but what is there for them to reach out to? This is the reality. This is a big problem to be solved." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Clara Hughes cycled for 110 days around Canada to raise awareness for mental illness. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Tennis. Keys unlocks door to Open semifinals

American teenager Madison Keys overcame a left thigh injury to beat Venus Williams 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 at the Australian Open on Wednesday, ensuring there would be no Williams sisters semifinal.

The 19-year-old Keys will play either Serena Williams or last year's finalist, Dominika Cibulkova, in Thursday's semifinal. The Williams sisters last met in a Grand Slam match at Wimbledon in 2009, when Serena won the final.

The semifinalists from the other half of the women's draw have already been determined — No. 2 Maria Sharapova will play No. 10-seeded Ekaterina Makarova on Thursday.

A dogged Keys was be-



Madison Keys  
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hind 3-1 in the final set before breaking Williams' serve three times in a row to close out the match.

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2015 Toyota Yaris	Market position	Points	Interesting features
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Type.</b> Two- or four-door subcompact hatchback</li><li><b>Engines.</b> 1.5-litre four-cylinder (106 hp)</li><li><b>Transmissions.</b> 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic</li><li><b>Price.</b> \$14,545 base, \$17,665 as-tested</li></ul>	<p>This is the segment where automakers advertise their rock-bottom prices, but be careful. Most base models don't come with air conditioning, power windows or other convenience features, so add in their cost for comparison if you want them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The car's single wiper blade looks neat and does a great job of cleaning the windshield.</li><li>Although it's officially a five-passenger, you should realistically expect to get just two adults in the back.</li><li>Controls are simple and straightforward, but the lock and window buttons need backlighting at night.</li></ul>	 <p>The rear seats really only hold two adults, but fold down for cargo.</p> <p>Nine airbags, USB port, power locks, digital clock, 60/40 folding rear seat, and rear wiper/washer are all standard equipment; options include a leather-wrapped steering wheel, keyless entry, heated mirrors and fog lamps.</p>

# Aging star gets a facelift



**Review.** Refreshed Toyota Yaris looks good but the unchanged mechanics feel a little bit behind the times

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Once a rather dull-looking little car, the Toyota Yaris gets a major facelift for 2015.

Sporting a grille reminiscent of some Lexus models, the company's entry-level runabout now looks the part in this competitive subcompact segment.

You can get it as a two-door

hatchback, which comes in a single trim level at \$14,545. The four-door hatch comes in two trim levels, starting with the LE at \$15,695, and my top-line SE tester, which starts at \$17,665.

Mine had a five-speed manual, while the available four-speed automatic takes it to \$18,665.

The mechanics didn't get changed in this update, and they're a little behind the times, but they do the job.

The 1.5-litre four-cylinder engine makes 106 horsepower and, although that doesn't sound like much, it's a fun little car to drive, especially with the stick shift.

A sixth gear would be nice, since the engine revs more



There's a lot of hard plastic in the cabin, but it's a handsome, functional design.

than I like at highway speeds.

The suspension and steering have been tweaked, and the Yaris feels rigid and stable, with a tight turning radius that's handy for getting into tight parking spaces. I'd like to see Toyota add

hill-start assist, which momentarily holds the brake when you're stopped on an incline and gives you enough time to get your foot from the brake to the throttle without rolling backwards. It's handy for all drivers, but especially

younger or inexperienced ones who are likely to be shopping in this price range.

Air conditioning, power windows, cruise control, and keyless entry are extra-charge on the base LE trim line, but standard equipment on the SE.

There's a lot of hard plastic in the cabin, as you'd expect for the price, but it's a handsome design and very functional.

The SE's sport-style seats are comfortable and fairly supportive, and you can fold down the rear seats for extra cargo space.

It may not be fancy, but the Yaris remains a viable contender in the little-car segment.



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**3** **Ford Fiesta**  
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Three engines range from the 120-hp base to a 197-hp turbo hot-hatch version.

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# Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

## Next-gen Volt will share Cadillac's battery regeneration system

The upcoming replacement for the Chevrolet Volt will get the same driver-controlled battery regeneration system already being used in the range-extended Cadillac ELR, reports Automotive News. The two vehicles now essentially share their power systems. The ELR's Regen on Demand allows the driver to decelerate while descending a hill or approaching a turn under braking, converting the car's kinetic energy into electricity stored in the battery pack. It gives drivers the opportunity to "finesse their eco-driving a little bit," controlling the regen directly and not just through the brake pedal, explained Volt chief engineer Andrew Farah. Two paddles on the back of the steering wheel allow the driver to adjust the amount of energy captured by the braking system.

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The next Chevrolet Volt will get some of the technical goodies that were initially saved for the luxury Cadillac ELR.



## Volvo tests three-cylinder engines

A Volvo-developed line of three-cylinder engines is the next step in the Swedish automaker's Drive-E program, intended to showcase its engineering prowess and commitment to developing "efficient power." The engines will deliver up to 180 horsepower and will join the existing four-cylinder line of Drive-E engines, which is the first step in the program. Volvo has a history of developing its own engines in-house. Research and development chief Peter Mertens says adding a three-cylinder to the mix is "a natural step" in Volvo's downsizing strategy, and the engine itself is "another step toward zero emissions and real-world performance." Even Volvo's 60 Series sedans will get the three-cylinder option, made possible through "advanced turbo technologies," while meeting ever-stricter emission targets.

## Audi unveils an A7 powered by a hydrogen fuel cell

Audi recently unveiled a hydrogen-powered A7 all-wheel-drive coupe, which shows the German automaker's readiness to deploy hydrogen technology should the market ever demand it. Audi fitted an electric motor at each axle, reports Motor Authority, with the electricity to power them coming from either a hydrogen fuel cell or a lithium-ion battery that can be charged from home or topped up with regenerative braking. The fuel-cell system makes 228 hp and 398 lb.-ft. of torque. The driving range on a full tank of hydrogen is 515 kilometres, which can be extended by 50 km if the vehicle's battery is fully charged. However, Audi has no current plans to put the car into production.

## Automatic recharging system could make life easier for Tesla S owners

Tesla Motors founder and CEO Elon Musk announced this month that his company is working on a robotic arm for recharging its Model S electric plug-in sedans. It would eliminate the driver's need to plug in the car when parked. The robotic system would do away with the need to locate the cable, plug it into the car and turn on the charger. Musk tweeted that the charger automatically moves out from the wall "and connects like a solid metal snake." This was followed by a second tweet: "This can be used with all existing Model S cars, not just future ones."



What's worse than being too lazy to plug in your car? Forgetting. Tesla is working on an arm that will do it for you automatically.

### Shift points

- Auto industry news, data and statistics provider WardsAuto has stretched the meaning of the word engine, by including an electric motor from BMW's plug-in i3 city car and Hyundai's fuel-cell powertrain from the Tucson on its annual Top 10 list of engines.
- Since it introduced the first Leaf electric plug-in sedan four years ago, Nissan and its partner-owner Renault have delivered more than 200,000 electric cars, which have driven roughly four billion zero-emission kilometres.
- Electric car owners in Northern Indiana are getting free electricity to recharge between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The Northern Indiana Public Service Company offers the zero rate to owners who install a separate meter just for EV charging.

## Ferrari's laboratory car is a high-tech beast

Ferrari showed its latest rolling test bed in oil-rich Abu Dhabi in December. The FXX K is a rolling laboratory car based on Ferrari's first Hybrid model, the LaFerrari, and will be available to super-wealthy customers — called Client-Test Drivers — with whom Ferrari will roll out a test program over the next two years. The 40 copies in the works are all are spoken for. The K in its designation refers to the kinetic energy recovery system (KERS), but that doesn't make the FXX K exactly green. Just 190 of the car's total 1,036 horsepower output comes courtesy of the electric motor and KERS system, with the balance exploding from its advanced 65-degree V12 engine. No price was disclosed. KERS uses a small flywheel that's electrically spun up to very high revolutions during braking. The driver can then slow the flywheel to generate electricity for short bursts of power.



Electricity can improve fuel efficiency. But with supercars such as the Ferrari FXX K, it is used to generate more power.

# Car colours are personal, but blame Apple for boring white

The next time you buy a car, you might want to pause a while longer when deciding on the colour.

Top automakers throw millions of dollars at researching what the latest tastes are, and say the colour of a vehicle is so important to customers that it can be the difference between buying or not.

The recent auto show in Detroit saw all the classic colours — red for Ferarri, yellow for Porsche — and a few less conventional (a Nissan Titan pickup truck in "forged copper").

But there was no mistaking the preeminence of white — particularly at the Volkswagen booth, where several cars, the stairs, and much of the furniture were all white.

Of course, in a multibillion-dollar industry, nothing is left to chance.

At least two designers in Detroit referred to the "Apple effect" to explain the propensity for white vehicles.

"White for cars really peaked in the 1970s and 1980s, and then, all of a sudden, dis-

appeared," said Volkswagen head designer Oona Scheepers, sitting at a white table, on white chairs, in a white room.

"But China is going for gold. extreme greens — it's a mixture of a green and a brown — very expressive."

Volkswagen's research has also turned up a surprising anomaly: Younger buyers want more sober-coloured vehicles — while older drivers go for brighter ones. **APP**

A row of luxury sports cars, including a blue and a green Aston Martin, parked in front of a building with red umbrellas.

**If you're driving an Aston Martin, the colour probably won't matter. For the rest of us, it's important.** TORSTAR NEWS FILE

## **Sales. Good looks trump pleasant personalities**



**Forget bang for the buck, small-car shoppers want to look good.** CONTRIBUTED

Forget reliability, safety, performance or high-tech gadgets: when it comes to cars, buyers are more likely to fall for good looks than anything else.

Researchers from San Francisco State University, led by associate professor of marketing Minu Kumar, studied what it is about a car or brand that creates loyalty or passion.

They asked more than 700 drivers for their opinions of 30 vehicles, and discovered that looks have the biggest influence. Although aesthetics are obviously a major draw for luxury cars, the researchers

were surprised to discover the same rules apply at the opposite end of the market — the 30 vehicles were chosen because of their small size and perceived practicality.

"In product design, if you focus more on the aesthetics of the product, the connections that you create with the consumer at the brand level will result in more loyalty and a more sustainable relationship," said Kumar. "You might think that segment wants more functionality, more bang for their buck. That may not necessarily be true." **APP**

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# Jaguar gets leaner, meaner in its return to glory

**Autopilot.** The latest rebuild for the storied but recently tarnished luxury brand appears headed for success. Sorry Maple Leaf and Oiler fans



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Rooting for Jaguar is much like rooting for the Toronto Maple Leafs or Edmonton Oilers.

Lots of great history and many years leading the pack, only to be followed by a Sahara-like dry patch.

But you stay committed, because of the history, and because there is just enough semi-success here and there to keep you from abandoning all hope. But as each season comes and goes, you're left grasping at the only optimistic option: another total rebuild.

Well, at least one of these storied franchises finally appears ready to return to its former glory — rewarding its past, current and future fans. Here's a hint: it's not one that wears mouth guards.

Jaguar's latest rebuild effort looks to be the real deal, based on a massive investment by its current ownership group, Tata Motors of India.

Billions were spent on a new R&D centre and engine plant (both in the U.K.), and on a new assembly plant in China, which will produce Land Rovers and Jaguars.

A ton of money also went into developing Jaguar's new vehicle architecture, which has been in the works for years, and is finally ready for prime time.

Full of aluminum and very modular, it will form the basis of every new Jaguar coming down the pike, such as the new XE luxury compact, future compact and midsize luxury crossovers, the next-generation XF luxury sedan, and probably the next-generation XJ flagship as well. (Only the XF sports car has gone with a different architecture).

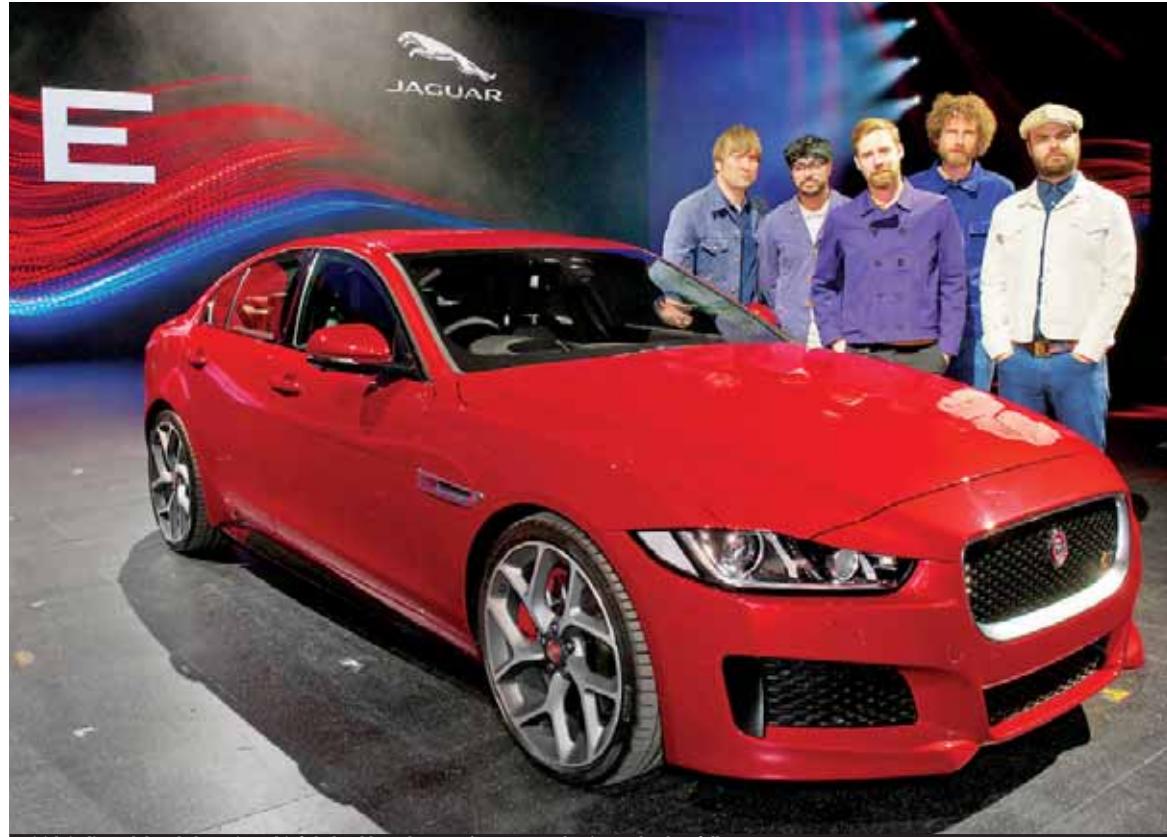
When Tata bought Jaguar and Land Rover from Ford in 2008, analysts wondered how much pain it would have to go through before seeing any gain.

In 2010, global sales dropped to about 40,000 vehicles, a new and painful low.

But in just four short years, annual sales shot up to more than 100,000.

The new XF and XJ sedans initiated, and continue to build, momentum, and everybody loves the idea of the new F-type — the first real two-seat sports car from Jaguar since the iconic E-type of the 1960s.

Jaguar benefited from Land Rover's earlier, successful turnaround — the money was there to invest in Jaguar. The sharing of



British indie rock band The Kaiser Chiefs helped launch Jaguar's new XE sedan in London last fall. CONTRIBUTED

technology between the two brands will also help as they move forward.

And now we're hearing plans to sell both brands from the same showrooms, so that luxury shoppers will sense the breadth and variety of the combined brands as soon as they stroll inside the dealership. That should

## Iconic revival

**Everybody loves the idea of the new F-type — the first real two-seat sports car from Jaguar since the iconic E-type of the 1960s.**

help develop more customer loyalty to the Jaguar Land Rover family.

Like all other auto makers, Jaguar is banking on an aggressive push into China, now the world's largest luxury market.

The other trick up Jaguar's sleeve is loading up on German executive talent.

Many ex-BMW managers are now in the Jaguar/Land Rover fold, ready to try a new version of the business plan that has made the Munich-based automaker so successful.

With Jaguar poised for a great run, a coaching change is neither necessary nor imminent.

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

## ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Travel arrangements may be subject to delays today, so give yourself plenty of time to get where you need to be. If you do get held up, take it in stride.

## ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 20

Don't let a friendship suffer over a money issue that is of no importance. It may seem a big deal to you now but in a matter of days you will realize it wasn't worth the time or the energy.

## ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

A loved one will go out of their way to do something they hope you approve of today. Even if you are not impressed pretend that you are, because if you help them feel good now they will help you later on.

## ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Keep your eyes and ears open today because something you see or hear could be the final piece in a puzzle that has been causing you sleepless nights.

## ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't leave loved ones guessing what you expect of them. This is one of those times when you must spell things out in words of three syllables or less.

## ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Someone who never seems to stop complaining is beginning to get on your nerves and at some point today you will have to confront them.

## ♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may not be enthusiastic about what you are expected to do today but if you are smart you will do it anyway. Others look up to you as someone who can be relied on.

## ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

A money-making idea may seem to be the answer to your prayers but as mind planet Mercury is going through one of its retrograde phases it will pay to be cautious.

## ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

A loved one will say something thoughtless today and your feelings will be hurt. Don't plot your revenge. It's unlikely they meant to be spiteful.

## ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be tempted to cut corners and do less than your best on a task today but is that such a good idea? It will lead to mistakes and those mistakes will cost a lot to correct.

## ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are wasting time and energy fantasizing about things that are never going to happen. Today's Mercury-Uranus link demands that you bring your dreams down to earth.

## ♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

The course of action you're about to take won't meet with everyone's approval but you don't care. Do it your way!

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

## Across

- Cooking: Not set high: 2 wds.
- Hollies hit bit: "... heavy, \_\_\_ brother."
- US cable network
- Depression-era song: "Brother, Can You Spare \_\_\_?"
- Web-sent party notice
- Promise to pay
- Hockey, for example
- Late-'70s futuristic series starring #40-Down: 2 wds.
- Ancient Assyria's capital
- Possess
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- Soul: French
- Footsteps
- Industry, colloquially
- "... \_\_\_ ring on it." - Beyonce
- Jean-Philippe \_\_\_ (Baroque composer)
- Spelling contest
- Group of Seven member Arthur
- "How ya doin'?"
- Milk intolerance reason
- Ms. Kardashian
- Turtle's tune: "\_\_\_ Me Babe"
- Arrow's partner
- "That may be, but..." : 2 wds.
- Bun
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- Whistle-holding cord
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- 'Deep Fantasy' is a current album by what Vancouver punk rock band?: 2 wds.
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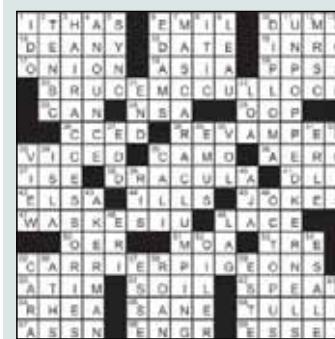
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- Does a car maintenance job: 2 wds.
- Carpentry wedge
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- Bridge frameworks
- Scarce
- Displaying activity
- Late night talk show opening
- "The Simpsons" sister
- BC: Okanagan Valley city
- Sir Walter Scott novel about a Saxon knight
- Toronto-born actress Heather (See #18-Across and #48-Down for more!)
- Canadian country star Gord
- "Thanks! I \_\_\_ you one."
- Hair care brand
- Novosibirsk 'no'
- Daughter played by #40-Down in "The Sound of Music" (1965)
- Tie score in tennis
- Bothersome bug
- Alphabet sequence
- 'E' in HRE, for short
- Papua New Guinea seaport
- Outlying
- US health-related agcy.

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Online

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## Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

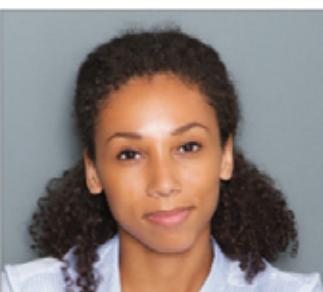
**How to play**  
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

3	1	9	7	2	5	8	4	6
5	4	7	9	6	8	2	3	1
2	6	8	3	4	1	9	5	7
6	7	5	2	1	9	4	8	3
4	8	2	6	3	7	5	1	9
9	3	1	5	8	4	7	6	2
1	5	3	8	9	2	6	7	4
8	9	6	4	7	3	1	2	5
7	2	4	1	5	6	3	9	8

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1		2	7
3			5
9	6	4	
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